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By James H. H. H.

A RESOLUTION

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BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

Section 1. The Constitution of the State of Texas is amended hereby, by the addition of a new section to Article VIII thereof, to be numbered Section 2A, and reading as follows:

"2-A, The properties of any charitable trust or organization, if such trust or organization is dedicated to the furnishing of free hospital and/or medical care for the indigent within the State of Texas, shall be exempt from all ad valorem taxes levied by any taxing entity, except by the State of Texas itself, provided:

- (1) such trust or organization has expended for free hospital and/or medical care within the State of Texas, during the calendar year next preceding, a sum of not less than one and one-half million dollars (\$1,500,000.00); and further provided
- (2) after such exemption has been in force and effect for one full calendar year, the amount expended for free hospital and/or medical care, within the State of Texas, amounts to not less than one million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$1,800,000.00) for the calendar year next preceding; and further provided
- (3) such trust or organization is exempt from United States income taxes.

Proof of compliance with all applicable conditions stated above, shall constitute a complete defense to any suit for ad valorem taxes levied or attempted to be levied by any taxing entity other than the State of Texas itself.

This amendment shall be self-enacting."

Sec. 2. The foregoing constitutional amendment shall be submitted to a vote of the qualified electors of this State at an election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, 1965, at which election all ballots shall have printed thereon the following:

FOR the amendment exempting the property of certain charitable organizations from local ad valorem taxes provided any such organization meets certain conditions, and expends at least one and one-half million dollars (\$1,500,000.00) annually for free hospital and medical care for the indigent within the State of Texas.

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Sec. 3. The Governor of Texas shall issue the necessary proclamation for the election and this Amendment shall be published in the manner and for the length of time as required by the Constitution and Laws of this State.

Austin, Texas

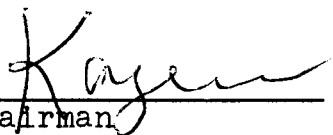
Feb.24, 1965

Honorable Preston Smith

President of the Senate

Sir:

We, your Committee on Constitutional Amendments,  
to which was referred SJR B. No. 7, have had the same under  
consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate  
with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the Committee  
Substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed.

  
Chairman

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PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds and declares that there is a need for the operation of hospitals by private charitable enterprises which will furnish free medical and/or hospital care for the indigent in Texas; and

WHEREAS, the operation of such hospitals and the furnishing of such free medical care and hospitalization for the indigent in Texas will add to the welfare and well-being of the State of Texas and its residents and citizens; and

WHEREAS, the need for the operation of such hospitals and the furnishing of such free medical care and hospitalization for the indigent is especially great in counties having a population in excess of one million two hundred forty thousand (1,240,000); and

WHEREAS, it is found and declared to be the Public Policy of the State to foster and encourage such operation of hospitals as aforesaid,

NOW, THEREFORE;

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S. J. R. No. 7

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FORM A

(For favorable and unfavorable reports on bills and resolutions, where no committee amendments are recommended.)

COMMITTEE REPORT

Date 3-29-65

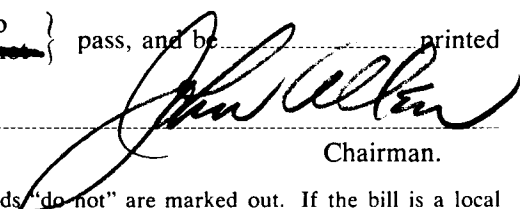
HON. BEN BARNES

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sir:

We, your Committee on Constitutional Amendments, to whom was referred S. J. R. No. 7, have had the same under consideration

and beg to report back with recommendation that it { ~~do~~ } pass, and be \_\_\_\_\_ printed

  
Chairman.

(When this form is used for a favorable report on a general bill the words "do not" are marked out. If the bill is a local bill the word "not" should be inserted before the word "printed." When used for an unfavorable report the word "do" is marked out, the comma after "pass" is changed to a period, and the remaining words also marked out.

When this form is used for a simple or concurrent resolution the comma after "pass" should be a period and the remaining words stricken out because resolutions are printed in the Journal when first introduced.)

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S. J. R. No. 7

Lieutenant Governor  
President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S. J. R. No. 7 passed the Senate on  
March 16, 1965, by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 2.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S. J. R. No. 7 passed the House on  
March 31, 1965, by the following vote: Yeas 139, Nays 0.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

4-13-65  
Date

Governor

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE  
SECRETARY OF STATE

4:15 pm O'CLOCK

APR 15 1965

Clifford G. Martin  
Secretary of State

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1-18-65 Read first time and referred to Committee on Constitutional Amendments.

2-24-65 Reported adversely, with favorable committee substitute. Committee substitute read 1st time.

3-16-65 Regular order of business suspended by unanimous consent to permit consideration.

3-16-65 Read second time and ordered engrossed.

3-16-65 Senate Rule 32 and Constitutional Rule (Sec. 32, Art. III) suspended by a vote of 27 Yeas, 2 Nays, to place bill on third reading and final passage.

3-16-65 Read third time and passed by the following vote: Yeas 28, Nays 2.

Charles Schnabel, Secretary of the Senate

3-16-65 Engrossed.

Essie McInnis  
ENGROSSING CLERK

MAR 17 1965 SENT TO HOUSE

MAR 17 1965

Received from  
the Senate.

Dorothy Hallman

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

MAR 18 1965

READ 1st TIME  
AND REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON

Constitutional  
Amendments

MAR 31 1965

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finally adopted.

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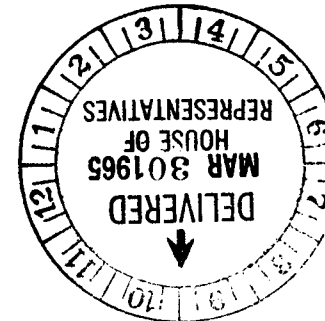
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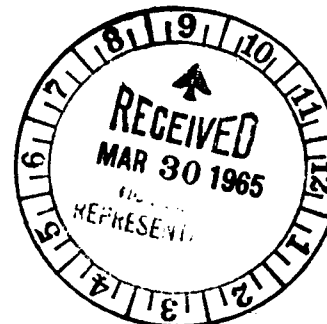
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MOTION TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE BY  
WHICH S.J.R. #7 was adopted WAS  
ADOPTED / PASSED AND TO TABLE THE MOTION TO RECON-  
SIDER PREVAILED PASSED BY A 70-11-1 VOTE

Dorothy Hallman  
CHIEF CLERK HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAR 31 1965

RETURNED  
FROM HOUSE



S. J. R. 7 By Bill Lee

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on Constitutional Amendments

REPORTED ADVERSELY, WITH  
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FEB 24 1965 COMMITTEE READ 1ST TIME.  
REPORTED ADVERSELY, WITH  
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COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE READ 1ST TIME.

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MAR 16 1965

READ THIRD TIME AND PASSED  
BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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Charles Schnabel  
Secretary of the Senate

19 Engrossed  
Engrossing Clerk